

# **Institutionalized Racism and** **Discrimination**

Not much needs to be said about the following article. The problem is the racist individuals in public office around the country that use government to further their personal agendas with the blessings and permission of like minded racists. This following article is not even close to what happened in the Treyvon Martin case, but George Zimmerman is out and about. Once again, had Treyvon murdered Zimmerman under those same circumstances, he would still be in jail, and would have probably been convicted through trial and sentenced. But, don't try to get white people to understand that racism exists, they have never experienced such, like the Great Rumi writes about.

As far as this man in Georgia, Black people have never been considered as having property or the right to it, so in the racist mind, he can never be defending it. The U.S. Constitution was founded on this type principle. What is more, the racist jury that convicted him. I know that this racism in America exist as a matter of fact because I owned my home, and white people used the institutional racist policies to take my home, and then it was set on fire. This was all done without the KKK robes and cross burning.

So, the answer to the following question is No. If you don't think so, just remember what white people were saying about President Barack Obama the day he won the election and the right to reside in the "White House." Basically, they wanted to get him out of there. The Atlanta Georgia editor, Adler, actually published materials in an article prescribing that the president be assassinated. Nothing happened to him. Had Adler been of African origin and the president was white, no doubt, he would have been jailed. White government officials in power are usually corrupt, and like in Georgia as in Connecticut, they stick together.

Evil and wickedness in high places usually stick together, and a Black man in Georgia should also not look upon a white woman, nor breathe the white man's air. Just think Emmett Till, or any of the other racist acts done to Black people like Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and so on. They are acts usually supported by the government agenda of racism.

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## **Can a Black Man Defend Himself at**

# Home?

## **The NAACP and activists fight for the release of a black Georgia man who shot a man on his lawn.**

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**(The Root)** -- Members of the NAACP -- including its president and CEO, Benjamin Todd Jealous -- along with local politicians and other activists, addressed a small crowd of journalists [in Atlanta on Monday](#) in an effort to bring attention to the case of a black Georgia man serving a life sentence for killing a white man who was trespassing on his property.

Despite Kennesaw, Ga., police detectives declaring in 2005 that [John McNeil](#), 46, acted in self-defense, Cobb County District Attorney Pat Head decided a year later to [try the case](#). McNeil was sentenced in November 2006.

"If this can happen to John McNeil, then it can happen to [Georgia NAACP President] Ed DuBose, it can happen to William Barber, it can happen to Ben Jealous. It can happen to any black man standing out here or standing anywhere in America, no matter how much good you've done or how right you are," the Rev. William Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP, told the crowd in front of the Georgia State Capitol. Barber, a longtime friend of McNeil's, along with Jealous and other NAACP members, went to see him in prison before the press conference.

The "it" relates to events that took place Dec. 6, 2005, when McNeil arrived home after his teenage son called him about an unfamiliar man lurking about their property. According to testimony, the man, Brian Epp, a hired contractor with whom McNeil had past difficulties, had already pulled a knife on the teenager.

Epp refused to leave, and McNeil, who had called 911, fired a warning shot into the ground. Epp then charged toward McNeil while reaching into his pocket. McNeil fatally shot him in the head at close range. Court documents state that a pocketknife was clipped inside Epp's pants pocket. McNeil's neighbors who witnessed the incident backed his story.

Kennesaw police detectives investigated the case, decided that McNeil had acted in self-defense and didn't charge him. McNeil's self-defense claim is supported by [Georgia's "castle doctrine" law](#), which allows an individual to use deadly force to protect his or her home, or anyone inside it, from a violent trespasser.

McNeil and his family thought the worst was over, until Pat Head decided nearly a year later to pursue prosecution. Although the Kennesaw Police Department refused to arrest McNeil, the Cobb County Sheriff's Office did, under Head's advisement, according to NAACP members.

During the trial, McNeil's neighbors, the two senior detectives investigating the case and a couple who said that they felt threatened by Epp when they hired him to do work all testified in McNeil's defense. All of those individuals are white.